

photocopier toner, or paper in order to comply with the Commission's information requests. Staff estimates that each industry member would spend \$500 for such costs regarding the information requests, for a total additional non-labor cost burden of \$37,500 (\$500 × 75 members).

By direction of the Commission.

**Benjamin I. Berman,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13), the Health

Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1891.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### **Proposed Project: Application for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program (OMB No. 0915-0146): Extension**

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program was

established to help alleviate the geographic and specialty and other health practitioners in the United States. Under this program, health professions students are offered scholarships in return for service in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). The Scholarship Program provides the NHSC with the health professionals it requires to carry out its mission of providing primary health care to HPSA populations in areas of greatest need. Students are supported who are well qualified to participate in the NHSC Scholarship Program and who want to assist the NHSC in its mission, both during and after their period of obligated service. Scholars are selected for these competitive awards based on the information provided in the application and during the semistructured personal interview that is conducted by a team of two interviewers who use a structured scoring procedure. Awards are made to applicants that demonstrate a high potential for providing quality primary health care services.

The estimated response burden is as follows:

| Form              | Number of respondents | Responses per respondent | Hours per response | Total burden hours |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Application ..... | 3,000                 | 1                        | 1                  | 3,000              |
| Interview .....   | 900                   | 1                        | 1.67               | 1,503              |
| Total .....       | 3,900                 | .....                    | .....              | 4,503              |

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

**Jane Harrison,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

#### **Proposed Project: Employment Sites of Nursing Graduates Supported by the Professional Nurse Traineeship Program: New**

Under Section 830 of Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act, Professional Nurse Traineeship (PNT) grants are awarded to eligible institutions for the support of students in advanced nursing education. Traineeships are then awarded by the institutions to individuals enrolled in graduate

programs to prepare for practice as advanced practice nurses. These funds are distributed to institutions based on a formula that incorporates three statutory funding factors. The factor to be studied is the funding preference which is given to institutions that can demonstrate either a high rate of placing graduates in medically underserved communities (MUCs), or achieving a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings.

This study is intended to assess the influence of funding preference on program performance and to determine program success in placing PNT graduates in MUCs. Approximately 5,000 graduates who received Master's or Doctoral degrees in academic years 1996-1997 and 1997-1998, including 1,200 who received PNT funds but were not graduates of the schools receiving the preference, will be included in this survey. Data will be obtained on the graduates place of residence and place